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SUBJ: EC COMMISSION MANDATE FOR MTN--DANISH PROCEDURES

1. DANISH CONSTITUTION PROVIDES (IN ARTICLE 19) THAT QUEEN (I.E; GOVT) ACTS ON BEHALF OF REALM IN ALL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS EXCEPTING THOSE INVOLVING MAJOR COMMITMENTS. IN THESE, GOVT IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN CONSENT OF PARLIAMENT. SINCE MARCH 29, 1973, "CONSENT OF PARLIAMENT" ON DANISH GOVT POSITION IN EC COUNCIL DECISIONS IS RESPONSIBILITY OF MARKET RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENT.

2. SPECIFICALLY, WITH REGARD TO EC COMMISSION NEGOTIATING MANDATE FOR MTN, GOVT WILL KEEP MARKET RELATIONS COMMITTEE ADVISED OF PRO-

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GRESS IN DEVELOPMENT OF MANDATE AND, FINALLY, WITH DANISH GOVT PO-

SITION ON PROPOSED MANDATE BEFORE RPT BEFORE DENMARK VOTES IN COUNCIL ON ISSUE. IF MAJORITY OF COMMITTEE OFFERS NO OBJECTIONS (AS, SO FAR, HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE), DANISH VOTE IN EC COUNCIL WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE "CONSENT OF PARLIAMENT" AND NO FURTHER RATIFICATION REQUIRED. IF MAJORITY OBJECT, GOVT CAN STILL VOTE IS POSITION IN EC COUNCIL BUT RUNS RISK OF NO CONFIDENCE VOTE IN PARLIAMENT.

3. SAME PROCEDURE WOULD APPLY TO ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO EC COMMISSION MANDATE AND TO FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF TRADE AGREEMENT RESULTING FROM NEGOTIATIONS. ADDITIONAL PARLIAMENTARY ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED TO AMEND OR CHANGE EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS ON TARIFFS OR OTHER TRADE REGULATIONS TO COMPLY WITH NEW TRADE AGREEMENT. NORMALLY, PARLIAMENT WOULD VOTE SUCH CHANGES BEFORE RATIFYING A NEW INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT. IT CAN, HOWEVER, PROVIDE ADVANCE ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL PASS REQUIRED DOMESTIC LEGISLATION. UNLESS AN UNANTICIPATED MAJOR ISSUE SHOULD ARISE AT THIS LATE DATE, IT IS PROBABLE THAT SUCH PARLIAMENTARY ASSURANCES WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT GOVT TO AGREE TO ACCEPTANCE OF NEW TRADE AGREEMENT THROUGH EC COUNCIL VOTE.  
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